

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

Art Commission MEETING MINUTES

Date: Sept 22, 2009

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Arts Commission Members Present:

<input type="checkbox"/> Shelley Brittingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virginia Wright
<input type="checkbox"/> Donna DiFore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robbie Howell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rochelle Flynn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dane Johnson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Victoria Hall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathy Justin

Staff Present:

Gina Kallman, Cultural Arts Supervisor
Debbie Zemke; Recreation Manager

Guests:

Alice Madsen, BEDP (Burien Economic Development Partnership)

Minutes

Meeting called to order.

Minutes approved. Dane motions, Rochelle 2nds

BEDP & Economic Development Plan—Alice Madsen

Alice Madsen, member of the Burien Economic Development Partnership and Dean of Instruction Professional Technical Education at Highline Community College, presented an update on the Burien Economic Development Plan. The BEDP felt it was extremely helpful to have the arts commission input on the economic development chapter for the City's Comprehensive Plan. Alice explained how involved it was to take all the input and ideas and work them into a final document but the BEDP hopes that they captured the spirit the arts commission was hoping for.

The Comprehensive Plan is updated every five years and this is the first time the arts commission was asked for input. Dane brought up that the northeast development corridor could be used for light industrial, manufacturing, studio spaces, etc. Kathy mentioned that a large building is available on 153rd behind Burien Press. Dane asked if any support was available to support educational entities...college programs, PSSC, etc... Rochelle mentioned how grateful she was that the commission was asked for input on the plan. Kathy thanked the arts commissioners who helped give input on this process.

AREAS OF FOCUS REPORT

VISUAL ARTS

Arts Education— Victoria reported that Donna and she have been meeting about the possibilities of a banner project. Victoria has started talking to art teachers at the Burien schools, and Lisa Bade from Highline High School has already voiced an interest in participating. The

banners will have a "textile design or pattern that represents identity" an example could be cultural, city, or neighborhood identity. One thought is to have the project focus on history so that the project can be integrated into the school curriculum. At this time 153rd Street in Downtown Burien is envisioned for the banners, as the street is looking bleak and is more of a contained space for a test of this project. Donna and Victoria are hoping that each year the project can focus on a different school or age group, etc. One thought for funding is applying to the Highline Fund for Excellence and other grant possibilities.

ARRA Grant—Gina reported that a grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was applied for through 4-Culture and that \$2,500 had been granted to Burien to cover the cost of the Artist Residency Program. Funding was only available to pay artists who have lost their jobs without this program. This program has been run in the past as a partnership with Arts Corps. The program was run at Cedarhurst Elementary School in 2008 and 2009, a school that has one of the highest usage of free and reduced lunch program in Burien. The funding had been cut from the City's 2010 budget, so we are happy that this grant will make it possible to continue this program.

Public Art/ B/IAS—Dane announced that the last event at B/ IAS (Burien Interim Art Space) will be the "Night of 1000 Pumpkins" held on November 1st, 3:30-11pm. A request was made for help from the arts commission, especially with putting up tents and helping with pumpkin clean-up on November 2nd (the pumpkins will be composted). Debbie volunteered to help. The event will have music, performers, jack-o-lanterns, face painting, a graveyard, alters and more. Fresh marigolds and flowers made from plastic table cloths will decorate the space. Rochelle mentioned that she may have a wholesale florist contact. Fire performers "Pyrosutra" will be a doing 30 minute show between 6:30-7:30pm. They are also working on placing a larger than life-size clay sculpture of a Mariachi band by artist George Rodriguez at the Burien Library. There may also be some new sculptures installed for the event. Rochelle mentioned some good feedback she got from the public on how The Passage will be missed and how the community has enjoyed the B/ IAS.

Burien Arts Mural—The topic was raised of installing the mural created at the 2008 Strawberry and Arts Fest by local artist Sam "Sneke" Swanson and Iosefatu Sua (and Burien Arts) on the Dollar Store on 152nd and 4th. The mural is currently installed at B/ IAS. At this time the arts commissions has asked that research be done on the cost to create a mural on the space that would be appropriate for the downtown space. Dane suggests installing the existing mural adjacent to the skate park. Dane feels this would be the correct type of art for the skate park location.

Performing and Literary Arts – The Burien Little Theatre is hosting readings in October; some will be at Burien Fine Press.

Banner—There is a new space for placing event banners on the bollards in Burien Town Square Park. The commission asked that some research be done on how those spaces can be used.

Dane is formally asking for an arts commission group list for e-mailing—such as a Google list.

ArtTalk—Next art summit discussion will be about "Space" in November. Date to be determined.

Staff Report

Collaborative Brochure—After the last ArTalk, it was decided between the Burien Arts and Culture organizations that the most helpful form of collaborative marketing would be a brochure that listed all of their information for the 2009/2010 season. The brochure has been designed and printed and will be mailed to 10,000 local arts patrons in October. The remaining 10,000 copies will be handed out at events, at retail shops and restaurants, etc.

Arts-A-Glow—The 2009 Lantern Festival and Parade was held on Saturday, September 12. The event combined artist created lantern installations, lantern making throughout the day and weeks prior to the event, treats, music, performers and more. Over 1,000 people attended the event funded by the City's Arts and Culture Fund, 4-Culture, and the City's Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Services Department.

SOCO meeting—On November 18th Burien will host the South King County Cultural Organizations meeting at the Burien Library Multipurpose Room. The discussion will focus on B/ IAS and the Arts Summits. Kathy volunteered to help and Debbie volunteered to talk about the ArTalks. The meeting will be from 12:45-2:30ish.

2010 Arts and Culture Grant Reviews—The deadline for submissions for Arts and Culture Funding is Wednesday, September 30th. The panel review will happen the evening of October 22nd. Robbie, Virginia, and Donna have volunteered to be on the committee.

Mural at Mosher Fields—The bathrooms for the Mosher Fields have received a facelift. Along with getting new paint and fixtures, murals have been installed. The murals were created by Highline High School students under the direction of art teacher Lisa Bade, and by artists with disabilities under the direction of Mosher instructor Shariana Mundi. The murals have a garden theme.

Burien Interior Art Space—Virginia has volunteered to help Gina with a project to place artwork from local artists in empty storefronts in Burien.

Meeting adjourned.